

“Does God Reject Me When I Sin?”

Genesis 9

“Life is like a parachute jump – you’ve got to get it right the first time.”

Ecclesiastes 7:20 “There is not a righteous man on earth who does what is right and never sins.”

Lamentations 5:21 “Restore us, O Lord, and bring us back to you again, give us back the joys we once had.”

Philippians 3:13, 14 “...this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.”

Four common causes of why people fall away from the Lord:

1. Overconfidence

1 Corinthians 10:12 “Let him who standeth take heed lest he fall.”

Proverbs 16:18 “Pride goes before destruction. A haughty spirit before a fall.”

2. Fatigue

Matthew 26:41 “Watch and pray so you won’t fall into temptation.”

3. Fear of disapproval.

Proverbs 29:25 “Fearing people is a dangerous trap.”

Mark 8:38 “If anyone is ashamed of me and my words I will be ashamed of him before the holy angels and my father in heaven.”

4. Convenience

Romans 8:1 “There is not condemnation for those who belong to Jesus Christ.”

2 Corinthians 7:10 “Godly sorrow (conviction) leads to repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow (condemnation) brings death.”

Psalms 103:12 “As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.”

Why doesn’t God reject believers when we sin?

1. Because His love is unconditional.

Lamentations 3:22 “God’s compassion never ends. It is only his mercies that have kept us from complete destruction.”

1 John 3:1 "See how very much our heavenly Father loves us for He allows us to be called His children. Think of it. And we really are."

2. Because my salvation isn't based on my performance.

Romans 9:16 "It doesn't depend on man's desire or effort but on God's mercy."

Titus 3:5 "He saved us, not because of the good things we did, but because of His mercy."

3. Because Jesus has already taken my punishment.

1 John 2:2 "When Jesus served as a sacrifice for our sins, He solved the sin problem for God, not only ours, but the whole world."

4. Because Jesus understands my human weaknesses.

Hebrews 4:15 "For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are – yet he did not sin."

5. Because God doesn't hold on to grudges.

Psalms 103:9-13 "God will not constantly accuse us, nor remain angry forever. He has not punished us for all our sins, nor does He deal with us as we deserve. He is like a father to His children, tender and compassionate to those who fear Him."

Jeremiah 3:22 "Come back to me, you unfaithful children, and I will forgive you for being unfaithful."

6. Because of his covenant love for us.

2 Chronicles 7:14 "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray, I will hear them and I will heal their land."

Three closing comments:

1. Remember that our sins don't remove our victories.
2. Remember that our victories don't remove our sins.
3. Remember that a Christian can't understand the covenant without Jesus and the cross.

Hebrews 12:15 "Be careful that no one fails to receive God's grace."